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Letter dated 3 May 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a letter dated 18 April 2018 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq, H.E. Mr. Ibrahim Al-Jafari, addressed to your Excellency, conveying the wish of the Government of the Republic of Iraq to extend the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (see annex).

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Mohammed Hussein **Bahr Aluloom**
Permanent Representative
of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations

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It is my pleasure and honour to convey to you the wish of the Government of Iraq that the mandate of the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI) should be extended for a further period of one year, ending on 31 July 2019, in accordance with the letter and spirit of the mandate and conditions set out in Security Council resolution 1770 (2007).

The Government of Iraq reaffirms the importance of the role of the United Nations, its specialized agencies, including the United Nations country team, and UNAMI in providing advice, support and assistance to the Iraqi people and the Government, upon the request of the latter.

Having regained full control of Iraqi territory that had been in the hands of the terrorist gangs of Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), the Government is preparing to begin the reconstruction of Iraq, in particular the towns and areas that were destroyed, and to lay the groundwork for the successful conduct of the forthcoming legislative elections. UNAMI must therefore play a significant role in that regard, by providing Iraq with the assistance that it needs to respond to the challenges and demands facing the country.

You are no doubt aware that fighting the war against the terrorist gangs of ISIL and regaining control of all Iraqi cities has caused tremendous destruction to the infrastructure of those cities and displaced large numbers of civilians. Iraq therefore reaffirms that it needs the assistance of the Mission and the country team in order to take all the measures that are required to restore stability, rebuild the liberated cities, ensure the return of internally displaced persons and provide a decent life for all Iraqis.

(*Signed*) Ibrahim Abdulkarim **Al-Jafari**
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq